Help Rendered by UNESCO to Kerala to Achieve Cent-Percent Literacy

6216. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Kerala Government to achieve cent-percent literacy;

(b) whether any help was rendered by UNESCO in this regard; and

(c)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The literacy Campaign, Kerala was implemented by the Kerala Saksharta amiti set up as a registered society under the chairmanship of the chief Minister. The Samiti has spent a sum of Rs. 370 lakhs out of the grant provided by the Government of India and Rs 60 lakhs from the grant received from the UNICEF.

Government of Kerala, itself, has not directly met any expenditure for the campaign.

(b) No assistance was received from the UNESCO for the campaign.

(c) Does not arise.

National Iodine Deficiency Control Programme

6217. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Iodine Deficiency Control Programme is being implemented in Raigarh District in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have identified the number of mental and physical deformaties caused in this district due to deficiency of Iodine; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check the use of Iodine salt by tribals in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Govt. have identified the problem of Iodine deficiency in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh. Surveys conducted in Raigarh district in 1980 revealed that the incidence of goitre was 34. 82% and the incidence of mental and physical deformities 2.3%.

In order to overcome the problem of Iodine Deficiency, the Government of Madhya Pradesh on the advice of the Central Government have issued notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt in the entire State of Madhya Pradesh for edible purposes. During the year 1990-91 a quantity of 2.18 lakh Metric Tonnes of Iodised salt was supplied to the State of Madhya Pradesh under the National Goitre Control Programme.

In order to promote consumption of Iodised salt among tribals and other population group in the district/State, Health Education Activities are planned in a big way through IEC (Information Education Communication) Package

Right to Work a s Fundamental Right

6218. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

make right to work as Fundamental Right;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) There is no such proposal for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Creation of more employment is one of the key objectives in the formulation, presently in hand , of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Development of Similipal Forest in Orissa

6219. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop 'Similipal' forest in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the progress of work done so far and the future plan envisaged in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir, there is a scheme to develop a part of Similipal Forest in Orissa as a Tiger Reserve.

(b) The total amount spent in maintenance, development and infrastructural works in Similipal Tiger Reserve since 1974-75 to 1990-91 amounts to Rs. 3,95,17,400. The Wildlife management has been strengthened which has offered protection to flora and fauna and is reflected in the growth of Tiger population as indicated hereunder:

Year of census	*Population*
1979	65
1984	71
1989	93

The Forest Department of State Government has prepared the following schemes for development of Similipal Tiger Reserve:-

(i) The eco-development scheme of the peripheral villages with a financial outlay of Rs.400 lakhs, spread over 5 years.

(ii) The Beneficiary scheme for tribal villages proposed to be relocated from Similipal Tiger Reserve with a financial outlay of Rs. 1,37,04,000/- spread over 5 years.

(iii) The scheme for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife with financial outlay of Rs. 85,594 lakhs spread over five years.

Urban Water Supply Schemes in Orissa

6220. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Urban Water Supply Schemes in Sonepur, Titilagarh, Patanagarh, Kantabanji and Bolangir in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any fund has been released by the Government so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?